

Amendment and Response

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MONETARY PRIORITY BASIS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Figure 5, monetary priority subscription monitor 360350 includes user interface 362, login/password function 370, activation function 372, billing function 374, and job type function 376. Job type function 376 includes a listing of selectable job type priority designations 377 including e-mail 380, data 384, access 384, transmission 386, routing 388, and transaction 390.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Monitor 360350 can be used by a subscriber and/or a throughput resource to manage monetary priority designations 22,162,322 and/or operation of monetary priority scheduler queues 30,170,322. Login/password function 370 prevents unauthorized entities from accessing monitor 360350. Activation function 372 permits activating and deactivating monetary priority designations 22,162,322 and/or monetary priority scheduler queues 30,170,322. Billing function 374 allows subscribers 12 and/or throughput resources 14 to manage account payment and usage. Finally, job type function 376 allows subscriber 12 and/or throughput resource 14 to provide even greater preference for select job types submitted by a subscriber. Preferred subscribers with monetary-based job type designations 377 would receive priority request handling for only those job types having a priority designation. Alternatively, preferred subscriber 12 with job type priority designations 377 would receive priority request handling with an even greater priority than preferred subscribers that do not have monetary-based job type priority designations. Finally, these job type priority designations are preferably established in association with step 104 of method 100 (Figure 2).